

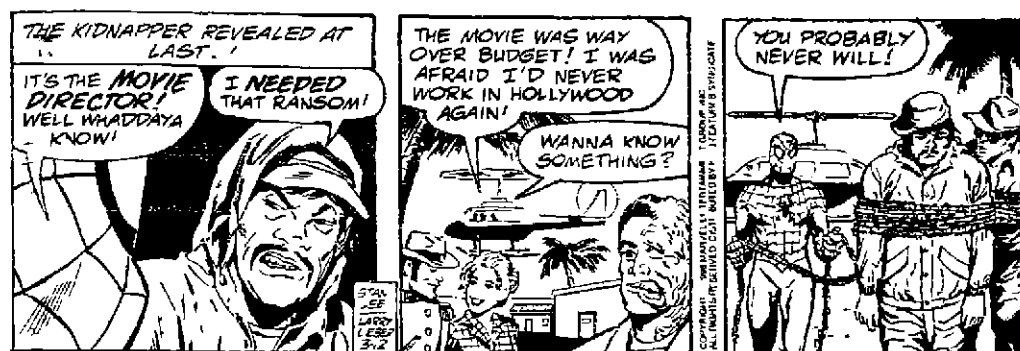
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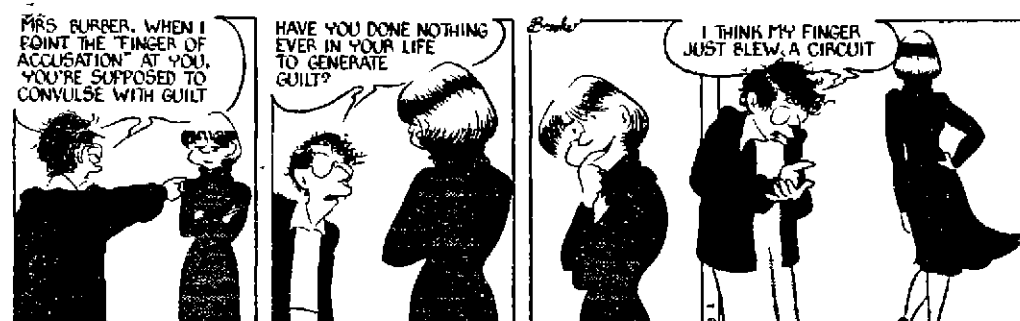
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9-CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, March 13, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A competitor in business could irritate you, but you'll end up a step up the ladder of success.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A friend could get on your nerves.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might not see eye to eye with an adviser. However, you have luck where financial interests are concerned.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a rush to get things done, but try not to step on anyone's toes in business.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A quarrel could arise with a friend about money. An opportunity you've been waiting for in business comes your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be a sensible driver, and try to be on time for appointments as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be careful that you don't snap at a family member. You could devote some energy to a community project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to avoid an argument about money. Pleasurable pursuits are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Watch your temper early in the day. It is a time of opportunity for you, and you can expect career and financial gains.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You could be quick to anger. You need to be diplomatic in your relations with higher-ups.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It's a good day to meet with bankers about mortgages and loans for property improvements.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Something could upset you on the job, or you might be unduly impatient.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Words found in "Spring Training"

REAWSPLEIAXTSQN
JGCZWTONAJGPDAX
UROLJGGSDRAXVS
PNKIFCNPAA SXGV
SQOLJHGIIEGGCAA
XVTRPNLNRNNIAGJ
HFDYBXVTIINNRS
POMKIGETNTTANGD
BZXWUTRNGTNI RPS
RQONLAIJIGAARTF
DCAYPXWVTPRSPGS

Wednesday's unlisted clue: WHITE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: PRACTICAL JOKES

Aging Grit Panting Sprint
Aspirin Inning Partings Straining
Aspirin Inns Panting Tiring
Gain Pains Sprain

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

East missed the best defense against today's no-trump game, and his excuse was on a par with his play. The truth was there

North South
♠ A 7 5
♥ K 6 3
♦ K J 10 9 5

WEST EAST
♠ J 10 9 5 3 ♠ 8 4 2
♥ J 10 4 3 ♥ 9 6
♦ 9 4 ♦ A Q 8 5 2
♣ A 2 ♣ Q 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ J 10 7
♣ 8 7 4

Vulnerable East West
Dealer North
The bidding

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Spade jack. If that were true, to protect his spade queen why wouldn't South have taken the club finesse through East instead of West? And therein lay the truth. South's play in clubs marked West with the club ace, giving East a vastly superior chance to beat the game. After winning his club queen, East should lead a low diamond. This gives South an early trick but the dividend for East is huge. When West wins his club ace, he returns a diamond, and instead of winning nine tricks, South falls two tricks short.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, first, Clare Bagiackas, Susan NanMaarseveen, second/third, Gerni Herold, Vera LaVallee, Allene Huntley, Janet Sinclair, Saturday evening, 1 NS, Alice Zurn, Ed Zurn, 2 NS, Doug Lyon, Bill Pennington, 1 EW, Judie Bailey, Joan Zallnick, 2 EW, Dan Burke, Rosemary Burke.

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Bill Barrington, Harold Richards, second, Paul Peters, Cornelia Yoder, Sunday evening, first, Paul Peters, Mary Walsh, second, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, Monday morning, first, Carl Brown, Claude Henri, second, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, Monday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, second, Barbara Fairbank, Jim Ineich, Tuesday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser, second, Bill Barrington, John DeMaria, Wednesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Doug Lyon, second, Barbara Fairbank, Jim Ineich, Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Louis Bashaw, Donna Haskins, 2 NS, John Beauchamp, Nancy Phillips, 1 EW, Bob Donahue, Jane Myers, 2 EW, Janet Gillen, Joan Greenhouse, Thursday evening, first, Doug Lyon, Don Paulus, second, Sharon Ausman, Allene Huntley, Friday morning, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, second/third, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon, Friday evening, first, Judy Alderman, John Glezen, second, Matt Brown, Arlene Ransone.

Liverpool: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Howard Johnrow, 2 NS, Betty Burns, Herm Noll, 1 EW, Fran Dussault, Gerry Wurdinger, 2 EW, Theresa Chestnut, Mary Price.

Stonehedge: Tuesday morning, first, Barb Eveleigh, Jane Hackbarth, second, Judy Butcher, Helene Gove.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former astronaut Wally Schirra is 75. Playwright Edward Albee is 70. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 66. Actress Barbara Feldon is 57. Actress-singer Liza Minnelli is 52. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 50. Rock singer-musician Bill Payne (Little Feat) is 49. Actor Jerry Levine is 41. Rock musician Steve Harris (Iron Maiden) is 41. Singer Martin Jackson (The Jackson Five) is 41. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 38. Baseball player Darryl Strawberry is 36. Actress Julia Campbell is 35. Rock musician Graham Coxon (Blur) is 29.

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ACROSS

1 Platters
6 Waveless
10 Bidder's option
14 "Racy" neckwear
18 Rink jump
16 District
17 President who married in office
20 Kind of control
21 Military acronym
22 What you stand to lose?
24 Erwin of 50's TV
26 Group of whales
27 Dug into
28 Beckett award
30 "The African Queen" writer
33 Swift boats
38 Tin Pan Alley org.
39 1962 Robert Frost collection
41 Fungus, in Falmouth
42 Hearty entree
44 1997 Masters winner
46 Mistress in a Thomas Mann novel
48 Photographer's abbr.
51 "Brat Farrar" mystery writer
52 "Rocks"
54 Be worthwhile
56 In agreement
57 Relative of 14-Across
59 C.I.A. undertaking
64 Salt Lake City players
65 Word said with a tear
66 Canio's wife in "Pagliacci"
67 Larboard
68 Vanquish
69 Down at the heels

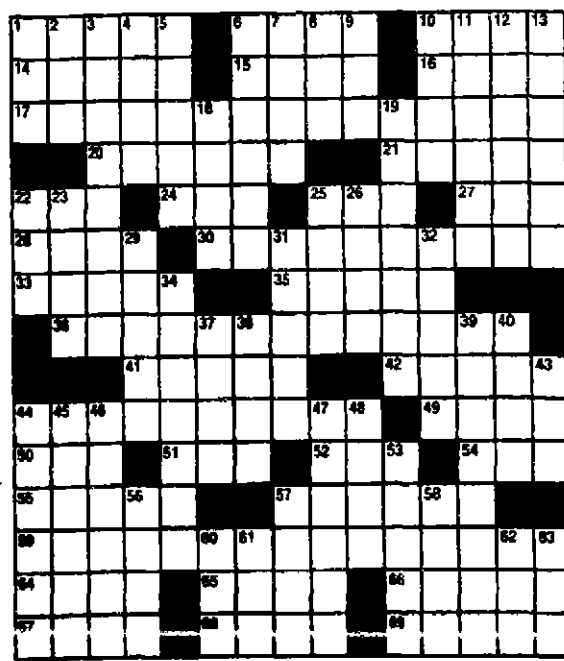
DOWN

1 First name at the U.N., 1953-61
2 Neighbor of Syr.
3 Stinger
4 Sheltered nook
5 Dams up
6 Prickly pear, e.g.
7 Car bar
8 Nautical side
9 XI years before the Battle of Hastings
10 Alto
11 Mountain whose name means "holy ground"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CATS MILNE BASK
ALIT IDEAL RICE
PEER ALARM URAL
CREAM CORNELL
AIDS TEDDY
SCAMP GADGET
IOU GABASE YAGO
PORTAUPRINCETON
UPAN BEBATE ONE
BIEVE SULT
OBJETOATMOUTH
USER OPERA RAID
SECU BEBUS MIKE
ANTI ORATE BYEN

20 Words on a Wonderland cake
21 1996 Masters winner



Puzzle by Frances Hansen

23 Thick-coated dog
24 More succinct
27 World chess champion, 1935-37
29 Pall
30 Sea current
32 Where Samson ground meal
33 King Arthur's
34 China piece
35 Entirely
36 Mandala
37 Most dreadful
38 Dueling memento, maybe
39 Editor Harold
40 "—ce pas?"
41 Their days are numbered
42 To — (exactly)
43 Bar bill
44 Cheer for Escamito
45 Outlandish
46 Dissenting vote

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